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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, MAY 19, 2000

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

At the relation of the

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

CASE NO. PUA000029

Ex Parte: In the matter concerning
the functional separation of
incumbent electric utilities
under the Virginia Electric
Utility Restructuring Act

ORDER GRANTING MOTION IN PART

On May 15, 2000, Virginia Electric and Power Company, The Potomac Edison Company d/b/a Allegheny Power, and the Virginia Electric Cooperatives (collectively, "Movants") filed a joint motion for an extension of time in which to file comments and requests for hearing in this proceeding. The Movants request that the date for filing comments and requests for hearing be extended from May 22, 2000, to June 21, 2000.

In support of their motion, Movants state that the regulations proposed in this matter on April 18, 2000, raise issues that are of fundamental importance to the manner in which the public utility industry in Virginia will be restructured and regulated in the future, and that Movants would benefit from an additional month in which to further study the impacts of the

proposed regulations to develop their comments. Such additional time, according to the Movants, would greatly enhance the record and the Commission's considerations in this proceeding. Movants state that no interested party would be prejudiced by the requested extension.

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of the motion, finds that the request should be granted in part. In order for the proposed regulations to be promulgated and usable in a time frame that permits the orderly filing of functional separation plans by January 1, 2001, as required by law, extensions that will serve to likely materially delay the issuance of a final order on the proposed regulations should be avoided. We will grant an extension of 21 days. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) The motion for an extension is granted in part.
- (2) The date by which comments and requests for hearing on the regulations proposed in this matter is extended from May 22, 2000, to June 12, 2000.
- (3) This matter is continued for further orders of the Commission.